

**MEMORANDUM**

**To** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Approval of the University of Iowa Academic Year and Summer Session  
Calendars for 2007-2008  
**Date:** May 12, 2003

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**Recommended Action:**

1. Approve the University of Iowa Academic Year and Summer Session Calendars for 2007-2008.
  2. Approve a revision to the previously-approved calendars to allow for a five-day Thanksgiving recess for the undergraduate colleges (Liberal Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Business and Nursing), the Graduate College and College of Pharmacy beginning with the fall of 2003.
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**Executive Summary:**

- Policy Manual Requirement
- In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy Manual §6.12, the Board is asked to approve the academic and summer session calendars for 2007-2008. The calendars are shown on Attachment A.
- Instructional Days
- The 2007-2008 calendar contains 74 instructional days in the first semester and 74 instructional days in the second semester.
  - The Board previously approved the calendars for 2003-2007.
- ISU and UNI Calendars
- The current and approved academic calendars for ISU and UNI contain instructional days as follows:  
  
ISU – 73 days in both the fall and spring semesters  
UNI – 76 days in the fall semester and 74 in the spring

Thanksgiving  
Recess

- The University is requesting modification of the previously-approved calendars (2003-2007) to add a recess beginning the Monday of Thanksgiving week. This recess would begin in the fall of 2003.
- The week-long recess would leave 74 days in each term of the previously-approved calendars.
- Iowa State University provides a week of recess at Thanksgiving; the University of Northern Iowa does not.

Holidays

- The holidays proposed are consistent with Board policy and current collective bargaining agreements.

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Approved:   
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The University of Iowa  
for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08\*

| <u>First Semester</u>  | <u>Proposed<br/>2003-2004</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2004-2005</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2005-2006</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2006-2007</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2007-2008</u> |
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| Opening of Classes<br>7:30 a.m.  | August 25<br>Monday           | August 23<br>Monday           | August 22<br>Monday           | August 21<br>Monday           | August 27<br>Monday           |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed   | September 1<br>Monday         | September 6<br>Monday         | September 5<br>Monday         | September 4<br>Monday         | September 3<br>Monday         |
| Thanksgiving Recess 5 p.m. Saturday<br>(College of Liberal Arts & Sciences,<br>Business, Engineering, Education,<br>Nursing, Pharmacy and the Graduate<br>College) | November 22<br>Saturday       | November 20<br>Saturday       | November 19<br>Saturday       | November 18<br>Saturday       | November 17<br>Saturday       |
| Thanksgiving Recess 10 p.m., Tuesday<br>(Colleges of Medicine, Law, Dentistry and<br>Public Health)  | November 25<br>Tuesday        | November 23<br>Tuesday        | November 22<br>Tuesday        | November 21<br>Tuesday        | November 20<br>Tuesday        |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed   | November 27<br>Thursday       | November 25<br>Thursday       | November 24<br>Thursday       | November 23<br>Thursday       | November 22<br>Thursday       |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed   | November 28<br>Friday         | November 26<br>Friday         | November 25<br>Friday         | November 24<br>Friday         | November 23<br>Friday         |
| Resumption of Classes<br>7:30 a.m.   | December 1<br>Monday          | November 29<br>Monday         | November 28<br>Monday         | November 27<br>Monday         | November 26<br>Monday         |
| Close of First Semester Classes<br>10:00 p.m.  | December 12<br>Friday         | December 10<br>Friday         | December 9<br>Friday          | December 8<br>Friday          | December 14<br>Friday         |
| Beginning of Examination Week<br>7:30 a.m.   | December 15<br>Monday         | December 13<br>Monday         | December 12<br>Monday         | December 11<br>Monday         | December 17<br>Monday         |
| Close of Examination Week  | December 19<br>Friday         | December 17<br>Friday         | December 16<br>Friday         | December 15<br>Friday         | December 21<br>Friday         |
| Commencement<br>(Graduate College)   | December 19<br>Friday         | December 17<br>Friday         | December 16<br>Friday         | December 15<br>Friday         | December 21<br>Friday         |
| (Undergraduate Colleges)   | December 20<br>Saturday       | December 18<br>Saturday       | December 17<br>Saturday       | December 16<br>Saturday       | December 22<br>Saturday       |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed   | December 25<br>Thursday       | December 23<br>Thursday       | December 26<br>Monday         | December 25<br>Monday         | December 24<br>Monday         |
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| <u>Winter Session</u>   | <u>Approved<br/>2003-2004</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2004-2005</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2005-2006</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2006-2007</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2007-2008</u> |
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| Opening of Classes<br>7:30 a.m.                                 | December 29<br>Monday         | December 27<br>Monday         | December 28<br>Wednesday      | December 27<br>Wednesday      | December 26<br>Wednesday      |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed                            | January 1<br>Thursday         | December 31<br>Friday         | January 2<br>Monday           | January 1<br>Monday           | January 1<br>Tuesday          |
| Close of Classes<br>10:00 p.m.                                  | January 16<br>Friday          | January 14<br>Friday          | January 13<br>Friday          | January 12<br>Friday          | January 18<br>Friday          |
| <u>Second Semester</u>  | <u>Proposed<br/>2003-2004</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2004-2005</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2005-2006</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2006-2007</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2007-2008</u> |
| University Holiday<br>Martin Luther King, Jr.<br>Offices Closed | January 19<br>Monday          | January 17<br>Monday          | January 16<br>Monday          | January 15<br>Monday          | January 21<br>Monday          |
| Opening of Classes<br>7:30 a.m.                                 | January 20<br>Tuesday         | January 18<br>Tuesday         | January 17<br>Tuesday         | January 16<br>Tuesday         | January 22<br>Tuesday         |
| Beginning of Spring Vacation<br>5 p.m. Saturday                 | March 13<br>Saturday          | March 12<br>Saturday          | March 11<br>Saturday          | March 10<br>Saturday          | March 15<br>Saturday          |
| Resumption of Classes<br>7:30 a.m.                              | March 22<br>Monday            | March 21<br>Monday            | March 20<br>Monday            | March 19<br>Monday            | March 24<br>Monday            |
| Close of Second Semester Classes<br>10:00 p.m.                  | May 7<br>Friday               | May 6<br>Friday               | May 5<br>Friday               | May 4<br>Friday               | May 9<br>Friday               |
| Beginning of Examination Week<br>7:30 a.m.                      | May 10<br>Monday              | May 9<br>Monday               | May 8<br>Monday               | May 7<br>Monday               | May 12<br>Monday              |
| Close of Examination Week                                       | May 14<br>Friday              | May 13<br>Friday              | May 12<br>Friday              | May 11<br>Friday              | May 16<br>Friday              |
| <u>University Commencements</u>                                 | May 13<br>Thursday            | May 12<br>Thursday            | May 11<br>Thursday            | May 10<br>Thursday            | May 15<br>Thursday            |
| Pharmacy  | May 13<br>Thursday            | May 12<br>Thursday            | May 11<br>Thursday            | May 10<br>Thursday            | May 15<br>Thursday            |
| Graduate, School of Management,<br>Medicine                     | May 14<br>Friday              | May 13<br>Friday              | May 12<br>Friday              | May 11<br>Friday              | May 16<br>Friday              |
| Business, Liberal Arts & Sciences,<br>Law & Nursing             | May 15<br>Saturday            | May 14<br>Saturday            | May 13<br>Saturday            | May 12<br>Saturday            | May 17<br>Saturday            |
| Engineering   | May 16<br>Sunday              | May 15<br>Sunday              | May 14<br>Sunday              | May 13<br>Sunday              | May 18<br>Sunday              |
| Dentistry   | June 4<br>Friday              | June 3<br>Friday              | June 9<br>Friday              | June 8<br>Friday              | June 6<br>Friday              |

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for Summer Sessions  
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

| <u>Summer Session</u>  | <u>Approved<br/>2004</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2005</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2006</u> | <u>Approved<br/>2007</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>2008</u> |
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| 3-Week Summer Session Begins                                       | May 17<br>Monday         | May 16<br>Monday         | May 15<br>Monday         | May 14<br>Monday         | May 19<br>Monday         |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed                               | May 31<br>Monday         | May 30<br>Monday         | May 29<br>Monday         | May 28<br>Monday         | May 26<br>Monday         |
| Close of 3-Week Summer Session                                     | June 4<br>Friday         | June 3<br>Friday         | June 2<br>Friday         | June 1<br>Friday         | June 6<br>Friday         |
| Eight-Week Summer Session<br>(8-week session registration)         | June 7<br>Monday         | June 6<br>Monday         | June 5<br>Monday         | June 4<br>Monday         | June 9<br>Monday         |
| Opening of Classes<br>7:00 a.m. (8-week session)                   | June 8<br>Tuesday        | June 7<br>Tuesday        | June 6<br>Tuesday        | June 5<br>Tuesday        | June 10<br>Tuesday       |
| Six-Week Summer Session<br>7:00 a.m. (6-week session registration) | June 21<br>Monday        | June 20<br>Monday        | June 19<br>Monday        | June 18<br>Monday        | June 23<br>Monday        |
| Opening of Classes<br>7:00 a.m. (6-week session)                   | June 22<br>Tuesday       | June 21<br>Tuesday       | June 20<br>Tuesday       | June 19<br>Tuesday       | June 24<br>Tuesday       |
| University Holiday<br>Offices Closed                               | July 5<br>Monday         | July 4<br>Monday         | July 4<br>Tuesday        | July 4<br>Wednesday      | July 4<br>Friday         |
| Close of 8- and 6-Week<br>Summer Sessions, 5:00 p.m.               | July 30<br>Friday        | July 29<br>Friday        | July 28<br>Friday        | July 27<br>Friday        | August 1<br>Friday       |
| Commencement<br>2:00 p.m. - Graduate<br>7:30 p.m. - Undergraduate  | July 30<br>Friday        | July 29<br>Friday        | July 28<br>Friday        | July 27<br>Friday        | August 1<br>Friday       |